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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6212**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1344

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 12, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Excise Police and Conservation Officer Pensions.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Buell

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill (A) modifies the eligibility for and the calculation of retirement benefits under the Excise Police and Conservation Enforcement Officers' Retirement Plan (Plan) and (B) requires the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund to establish a deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for plan participants. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Pension Management Oversight Commission.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (A) This bill (1) removes the age 55 requirement for the Rule of 85 eligibility and begins a 3% early retirement reduction from the earlier of age 60 or the Rule of 85 and (2) changes the benefit formula to 25% of the average salary plus an additional 1 2/3% of average salary for each year of service in excess of ten years. The combined impact of these provisions is the following.

Increase in Actuarial Liability	\$3,726,000
Increase in Annual Funding	\$389,000
Increase in Annual Funding as % of Payroll	3.3%

The funds affected are the state General Fund, the state Fish and Wildlife Fund for the Conservation Officers, and the ABC Fund for the Excise Officers.

Of the above amount, the estimated impact for Part 1 (removal of the age 55 requirement) is the following.

Increase in Actuarial Liability	\$808,000
Increase in Annual Funding	\$101,000
Increase in Annual Funding as % of Payroll	0.9%

The estimated impact for Part 2 (changing the benefit formula) appears below.

Increase in Actuarial Liability	\$2,891,000
Increase in Annual Funding	\$288,000
Increase in Annual Funding as % of Payroll	2.4%

(B) The bill also provides that a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) shall be established before January 1, 2007. Since no details on the provisions of the DROP are provided, the fiscal impact for the DROP is indeterminable at this time.

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**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Public Employees' Retirement Fund as administrators of the Conservation and Excise Officers Pension Plan; Department of Natural Resources; Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Doug Todd of McCready & Keane, Inc., actuaries for PERF and the Conservation and Excise Officers' Plan, 317-576-1508.

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**DEFINITIONS:**

Actuarial Liability: The excess of the present value of all benefits thereafter payable under the system over the present value of future normal costs.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan An optional payment form under which defined benefits plans that allows a participant elect to receive a lump sum in exchange for a reduced monthly benefit for life.

Funding: a systematic program under which assets are set aside in amounts and at times approximately coincident with the accruing of benefit rights under a retirement system.